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## **Dignity Health Unveils Plan for New Elk Grove Hospital** *Dignity Health set to make Elk Grove's first hospital a reality*

**SACRAMENTO** – Elk Grove's first hospital is one step closer to reality. Dignity Health, joined by local leaders and community partners, announced today their plan for a new, community-based hospital in Elk Grove.

“Dignity Health has a tremendous legacy of serving the Sacramento region and providing high-quality care to patients, and I couldn't be more excited to see them moving forward on their plans to build Elk Grove's first hospital,” said Assemblymember Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove). “This new hospital will bring expanded services, access to top-quality physicians and provide jobs that will meet the needs of our community now and into the future.”

“Today marks a major milestone for the entire Elk Grove community, and the broader Sacramento region,” said Gil Albiani, community leader and Chair, Dignity Health Sacramento Service Area Community Board, alongside a host of regional leaders at the site of the future hospital campus. “We will look back on the beginning of this decade as the beginning of a new chapter of high-quality, accessible health care for Elk Grove.”

City entitlements and environmental approvals are already complete for the future medical campus, and work continues in advance of the groundbreaking and construction at Wymark Road and Elk Grove Boulevard, which is expected to commence in 2023.

“Dignity Health has served Elk Grove and the surrounding communities for more than 45 years. We're thrilled to begin this journey and make Elk Grove's first hospital a reality,” said Laurie Harting, Greater Sacramento Division President of Dignity Health. “We have been working toward building a hospital in Elk Grove since 2010 and are excited to move forward with the project. This location is perfectly situated to serve all of Elk Grove's neighborhoods, and its service area will extend from South Sacramento to Galt.”

“Patients at Dignity Health's Elk Grove hospital will receive care from top-quality physicians who are part of the award-winning Mercy Medical Group, and aligned independent community physicians,” said Phyllis Baltz, President of Dignity Health's Methodist Hospital of Sacramento. “Launching the campus in Elk Grove will further Dignity Health's mission to deliver compassionate, high-quality, affordable health services for all.”

Baltz said they anticipate moving into design and permitting in 2020, and then into the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development approval process the following year. The hospital is anticipated to open between 2026-2027.

In order to comply with California's seismic safety standards, Methodist Hospital in Sacramento would require significant renovations to meet those requirements by 2030. Dignity Health determined that building a new, acute care facility less than five minutes away from the existing hospital will best serve patients in the years to come. Methodist Hospital's medical team will be transferred to the new Elk Grove hospital. Dignity Health is evaluating the potential to repurpose Methodist Hospital for other health care services, but no final decisions have been made.

"Dignity Health continues to demonstrate its commitment to Elk Grove and is an important part of the fabric of this community. They know our culture, share our values and have invested the better part of a decade to create a plan for a hospital that we can be proud of," said Elk Grove Mayor Steven Ly.

Decades of experience have been invested to plan a hospital that will meet the needs of Elk Grove's residents now and in the future. The first phase of development includes a new, 200,000 square-foot state-of-the-art hospital equipped with the latest technology, private rooms for every patient and amenities that provide comfort and expedite healing. The hospital will employ approximately 1,250 full-time workers and about 400 affiliated medical staff.

"Dignity Health isn't coming to Elk Grove. They've always been here, and we are growing together," said Stephanie Nguyen, Elk Grove City Councilmember for District 4, where the new hospital will be built. "In the coming years, a state-of-the-art hospital will join the medical building and the people of our community will have access to great physicians, nurses and health care professionals. For me, that's the real reason to celebrate today. It will give people the tools to lead healthier lives and receive clinical care when they need it."

Dignity Health has more than 30 major hospital campuses across California and has profound expertise in master planning projects of all sizes; from new hospitals to major expansions, or growth of existing campuses.

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